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Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein Federal Communications Commission 455 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW Washington, DC 20554 Fax No. 1-866-418-0232

Dear Mr. Adelstein:

Thank you for holding public hearings regarding proposed rule changes at the FCC. I am writing to transmit a petition signed by 49 individuals (including me) to express our opposition to the proposed rules that would eliminate the "cap" on the number of TV stations a single company can control nationally, end the "dual network" safeguard that prevents one TV network from acquiring another, end the broadcast-newspaper cross-ownership rule, and remove current limits on local radio station ownership.

I came to the public hearing at the San Francisco City Hall on April 26, but as I arrived late and many people had already signed up to speak, there was no room left for me on the speakers list.

I have heard that some politicians are saying the public does not really care about this issue. I believe that is because the public is uninformed. This story is not getting much newsprint, and even less air time. Could that be because the large media firms stand to gain financially from these proposed rule changes? The paucity of reporting in the mainstream press on vital subjects like this demonstrates how important it is to our democracy that we strengthen, rather than weaken, the role of independent media.

In an effort to show that people do care, I have been speaking to friends, colleagues, parents of my three-year-old son's little friends, etc. I have found no one who can identify any value that media consolidation would offer the public. Most people are dismayed and even disgusted with the idea. Unfortunately, most people are also overstressed and don't have time to go to public hearings or seek out internet sites that report on under-reported stories like this one. For this reason, I put together a petition to help convey to the FCC, Senator Feinstein, and Senator McCain, that when the general public understands that these rule changes will further reduce the number and types of voices we hear in the media, we oppose the rule changes.

Thank you for your interest in hearing from the public on this important matter.

Sincerely

Laura J. Frickett / 2436 Woolsey Street

Berkeley, CA 94705

c: Senator Barbara Boxer Senator John McCain

To: Fe leral Communications Commission c/c Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein

We the undersigned urge you to say no to the proposed FCC policy changes that would further weaken ownership regulations protecting local newspapers, radio and local television outlets from corporate takeovers by media giants.

Freedom of speech and a free press are essential elements of a healthy democracy. Citizens need to hear a full range of diverse views to make informed decisions. Increased control of the press and airways by a small number of wealthy corporations and individuals would weaken our democracy and further strengthen the least democratic of American institutions: private corporations. We urge you to protect the American institution of a free and diverse press, and to require that the airways – which belong to the public – are used in the public interest and reflect our great nation's diversity.

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many more signatures. We are all alarmed and outraged. Sincerely Countfulate

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Chairman Michael Powell **FCC** 445 12th St. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell,

As a media producer a merican, I absolutely oppose your plan to change the media rules at the ECC. While your alarmen make a select few media companies happy, it flies in the face of the mission of the FCC to project the public. By ignoring the hundreds of thousands of letters and phone calls opposing this rules change, this Administration proves it's intent to play to the wealthy instead being a government of the people, for the people and by the people.

In one very foul swoop, you will change the landscape of the American media and undermine the First Amendment. If you proceed in pushing through these rules changes in defiance of public opinion and public well-being, while it may serve the mission of this Administration, the public outcry will be louder than any media can ignore. People who have tasted freedom don't give it up easily.

I strongly urge the FCC Committee and the U.S. Senate to act responsibly and stop this fullsteam-ahead plan that clearly is not the will of the people you have all sworn to serve. The rules change is not needed and is not wanted. While your methodology may be "legal" it is not ethical and is clearly not compliant with the mission of the FCC. It is hard to believe that Committee members have been so easily pushed away from fulfilling the duty entrusted to them: to protect 350 million U.S. citizens, not 50 or so corporate giants hungry for more territory.

There is a reason the First amendment is the FIRST Amendment: Without a free and competitive media, there can be no freedom at all. While some wealthy media conglomerate owners may believe this change will enhance their pocketbooks, they, too, are American citizens whose freedoms will be reduced, as are you. Our children will be the ones most hurt by this change. They will never grow up knowing what it's like to live in a land where radio isn't dictated by Clear Channel's idea of proper music, and where television and newspapers offer a full range of viewing options and news opinions.

The American people are not studied and unconcerned. Even controlling the media doesn't control a human mind that's known freedom, as dictators have learned. I urge you, the Committee, the Senate and the section itself not to strip away America's freedoms by changing the rules on what we see their and think.

Sincerely, Carole Myers

Los Angeles, California

Cc: Los Angeles Times; New York Times; ACLU

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Secretary Federal Communications Commission Washington DC

Dear Commissioner,

I understand that you are going to be contemplating major rule changing for the broadcasting industry on June 2, 2003. I would like to be able to share with you my values and visions in relation to those rules. I spoke to a very competent person in the consumer products section, Stacy Smith, who did a bit of research, but was unable to find the content of the proposed rules. Would you please email them to me at <a href="majoritic@igc.org">weatheric@igc.org</a>. My inquiry is not on behalf of the Institute for Global Communications, but my comments to the Commission will be forwarded to that great group. It is stunning that you are making such a mystery of this, it is poor transparency. Transparency is what good government is all about. Thank you for your time and prompt attention.

sincerely,

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Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554 Fax: 1-866-418-0232

SUBJECT: Stop Media Deregulation

Dear Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission,

I urge you to promote a diverse, balanced, and competitive media. Please stop the planned Federal Communications Commission's rule change proposal on June 2, 2003. This proposal to relax media ownership rules and enable large news conglomerates to own more newspapers, television and radio stations in the same market will lead to a handful of companies controlling what we see, hear and read.

Media consolidation will mean less local autonomy and news coverage, fewer opportunities for different opinions and voices to be heard, and less access to quality and diverse sources of information.

We allow media companies to use the airwaves in exchange for their assurance that they're serving the public interest, and it's the FCC's job to make sure that's so. Please hold the FCC to its mandate and oppose the rule change.

Sincerely,

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May 21, 2003

Michael K. Powell, Chairman; Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner; Michael J. Copps, Commissioner; Kevin J. Martin, Commissioner; Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner

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RE: NO ON FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF MEDIA OWNERSHIP RULES ON JUNE 2

Dear Commissioners,

We are students, faculty, and staff at El Dorado Center of Cosumnes River College within the Los Rios Community College District which represents about 70,000 adult students (eligible voters). This is the fifth largest community college district in the United States of America. Too few TV and radio stations have provided information on the FCC June 2 vote as to whether the five entities who now control essentially all of the corporate media in America should be even further consolidated to allow one corporate entity to control 35% of the media.

Commissioner Michael Copps has provided information via town hall-type meetings on the significance of this vote which would reduce even further the little media diversity now available in America. The fact that so very few citizens are even aware of this significant FCC vote is proof that the media is already too consolidated in the hands of a very few corporations. The few media coverages some of us have seen have been on at 11 p.m.; why is this information not on the prime time news on ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox 40, and CNN?

The Director of the D.C. based Center for Public Integrity echos Commissioner Copps concerns, along with many bi-partisan congressional members: the consequences of this vote have neither been adequately assessed nor made adequately available to the American public. The Republican Senator from Maine, Senator Olympia Snowe, has also expressed these same views in the Senate Commerce Committee regarding media ownership rules. In contrast, the president of Viacom, pushing for the vote for 35% ownership and increased control by even fewer corporate holders, is much less representative of the American citizens than is Senator Snowe, an elected representative of the people. More than one citizen, familiar with the Eugene McCarthy purges, have equated those anti-American purges with this issue of elimination of true choice/alternative points of view within the already selectively slanted corporate media. They see the McCarthy purges as child's play compared to the results of the American media being in the hands of now less than five people. Please see attached voter sheets with signatures and addresses.

Sincerely,

Candace Balms, President, Outdoors Club Dr. Sarah Pender, Advisor, Outdoors Club

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The freedom and diversity of information and the media is essential to the health of a democratic society, Deregulation will encourage consolidation and reorganization of radio, tv., and internet media. It will seriously erode local control and coverage of issues and the examination of differing points of view. It will give a few profit-driven mega-corporations a monopoly over the dissemination of news.

We therefore petition you to delay decisions regarding deregulation. We ask you to present these proposals to the American people in forums which will allow open free discussion and expression of opinion; and that you make final decisions in keeping with the preservation of diverse and local media and in accordance with the FCC mission.

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Dear Sirs:

As you review rules of media-ownership, [NYTIMES, please remember: the survival democracy depends on well-informed citizenry enjoy free public discourse. Such freedom, with few exceptions, has been increasingly absent from our Total cultural illiteracy, disregard of the media. would prompt of history, lessons "loosening" of the 1996 rules and promote elements of Orwellian fascism already "embedded" in our system. Why do these ("We make war to keep the peace.") already bloated corporations want to own more? pockets tell them, "War sells"; the new century of war will bring riches beyond one's wildest dreams.

Our democracy is at risk when oligarchies of huge determine the variety, range and depth corporations They slant, of news coverage across the land. sanitize, censor information for special distort, interests that militate against free speech. our schools try to teach "critical thinking"; pundits punish the slightest departure from the "truth" Ashley Banfield's (N.B.: official disappearance from the screen).

No democracy can long endure when a single company is allowed to own 11,000 stations around the country, when media empires like Rupert Murdoch's are permitted to thrive among us. The information that shapes and nourishes public thought must flow from a variety of spontaneous, disinterested, independent individual sources, not manufactured on an assembly line according to corporate specifications.

You have a sacred responsibility to preserve our democracy by guarding the freedom of public discourse. More, many more, not fewer, restrictions should be rigorously imposed on ownership of newspapers, magazines, radio and TV stations.

Sincerely yours,

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Commissioner Michael Powell Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

#### Dear Commissioner Powell:

On June 2, the Federal Communications Commission plans to authorize sweeping changes to the American news media. The changes could allow one company in a single town -- and across many cities -- to own TV stations, newspapers, radio stations and cable providers. I believe this concentration of ownership could be deeply destructive to the freedom of the media and lead to a collapse of multiple information sources and news voices in our democracy.

It is deeply unsettling to learn that you have decided to reject a request from two of the five FCC commissioners to delay a decision on overhauling these proposed serious changes. I urge you to push back the vote by at least one month to allow more time to study the potential effects of easing restrictions that prohibit ownership across media.

I write to you as both a newspaper journalist and as a citizen who is deeply concerned about concentration of the media through monopoly in this country. Certainly, as an American in government you must understand the need for a diversity of owners in the free press as well as be aware of the risks of consolidation. I urge you to reconsider your decision.

Sincerely,

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RE: Ownership Rules

Dear Chairman Powell:

I understand that several committee members have asked that the upcoming vote on ownership rules be delayed. I am writing to urge you to comply with their request. It is clear to me that considerably more time is needed to solicit, and consider, citizen input before decisions are made about these extremely important issues.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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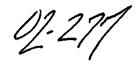
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The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I write concerning recent press reports of the Federal Communications Commission's proposed changes in the media ownership rules. I am deeply concerned that the Commission will relax the rules for media ownership before the public has an adequate opportunity to review and comment on them, and before the implications of these changes are fully analyzed. The proposed rules will have long-term effects on the nature of music, information and entertainment that every person in every community in this nation receives. I request that the Commission delay the vote on the proposed rule changes now scheduled for June 2, 2003, and open a formal public comment period on the proposal.

Because the details of this proposal are only now being released, less than a month before the Commission's self-imposed deadline for action, it is critical that more time be taken to allow the public and the Congress to assess the impact of the ownership rule revisions as a whole and provide input to the Commission. In particular, the Commission must take note of what happened when Congress removed ownership caps for radio stations in the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

As reported in the press, the current proposal consistently undermines localism, competition, and diversity in favor of economically more efficient national structures that are not connected to the communities they claim to serve. The rules would allow large media corporations the almost unfettered ability to completely dominate local media markets.

The proposed rules would lift the ban against newspaper and broadcast cross ownership that has been in place for over 25 years. In addition, the current proposal would dramatically change the rules regarding local TV ownership. The new rules would allow a single company to own two TV stations in a single market, or even three stations in the largest markets. It would permit a single